



MORTAL KOMBAT



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GORO

PRINCE OF PAIN



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THE LAND IS OUTWORLD, AND AS
IS SO OFTEN THE CASE HERE, THE
SITUATION IS PERILOUS.

I WILL WRING EVERY
OUNCE OF DESPAIR AND
UNCERTAINTY FROM
THIS WORLD.

...WE'LL THEN
GO BE IT.

AND IF I HAVE TO
FIRST STEP OVER YOUR
DEAD CARCASS...


CALL HIM ZAGGOT,
THE GOD OF CHAOS.

THAT WOULD BE
MOST UNWISE...

...CONSIDERING THE
CIRCUMSTANCES.

DO NOT DELUDE
YOURSELF, GORO.

THERE IS NO WEAPON
THAT CAN HARM THE
KOMBATANT.



USING ENERGY HE HAD STORED UP FOR DECADES, ZAGGOT CREATED AN UNSTOPPABLE ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION AND CHAOS.

FWOOM

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THE KOMBATANT INCORPORATED THE STRENGTHS OF THE MOST GIFTED WARRIORS OF EARTH AND OUTWORLD.

Noooooo! HE MUST NOT DO THIS, ROK.

THE KOMBATANT IS MY MOST BEAUTIFUL CREATION.

WELL, I HATE TO BE THE ONE TO TELL YOU THIS...

...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S TOAST.

FWOWWOOM

DON'T CALL HIM
A HERO.

HIS PAST IS FILLED
WITH ATROCITIES.

HIS FUTURE IS FILLED
WITH UNCERTAINTIES.

GORO JUST
HAS ONE
QUESTION:

WHO'S
NEXT?

BUT THERE ARE SOME
THINGS HE IS CERTAIN
OF...

HE IS CERTAIN THAT HE IS
THE MASTER OF

MORTAL KOMBAT

HE IS CERTAIN THAT HE WILL
OVERCOME WHATEVER THIS
MADMAN CAN THROW AT HIM.

AND HE IS CERTAIN
THAT HIS NAME IS...

GORO

PRINCE OF PAIN

ARMED and DANGEROUS

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YOU HAVE **CHEATED**,
YOU WEAK-WILLED
BRUTE.

MY BROTHER **ABACUS** HAS
HELPED YOU DESTROY MY
KOMBATANT.

ONLY A WEAPON FROM
THE GOD OF ORDER
COULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
THAT.

IT IS TRUE THAT
I HAVE MADE A DEAL
WITH **ABACUS**.

SO NOW YOU
MUST DEAL WITH
GORO.

THE DESTRUCTION OF
THE KOMBATANT WAS A
SETBACK.

BUT THE DAY STILL
HAS POTENTIAL FOR
MUCH **CHAOS**.

SHALL I
DESTROY HIM,
MASTER?

IN YOUR
DREAMS.

THAT IS
UNNECESSARY,
ROOK.

WHAT? MY
WEAPON...

YOU WOULD HAVE SERVED ME
WELL, MIGHTY ONE, BUT YOUR
OPPORTUNITY IS PASSED.

WE GODS DO NOT
DILLY-DALLY, GORO.
NOT WHEN THERE
ARE OTHERS...

OTHERS WHO WILL
SERVE US AS WELL AS
THE CHOKAN PRINCE.

OTHERS WHO WILL HEED
THE CALL OF CHAOS.

RRRRRRPPPPP

ARRRRGGGHHH

WE ALWAYS WONDER
WHO TOUGHER: BARAKA
OR GORO.

NOW BARAKA
FIND OUT.

YOU ARE MAKING A VERY LARGE MISTAKE, MUTANT.

AND IT IS A MISTAKE YOU MAY NOT LIVE TO REGRET.

AND BARAKA ALWAYS TALK VERY LOUD.

THEN GO AHEAD: SAY SOMETHING.

GORO ALWAYS BIG WITH WORDS.

BARAKA TALK WITH HIS BLADES.

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YAAAAHHHHH!!

WHEN BARAKA KILL THE PRINCE OF GHOKAN...

...MAYBE VOICE INSIDE HIS HEAD GO AWAY.

Uggggghhhhhh.

ZIKZAKZAKZAKZAK!

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IT IS THE VOICE
OF ZAGBOT...
CONTROLLING
YOU.

NO MAN
CONTROL
BARAKA.

QUIT BABBLING
AND DO IT! FINISH
HIM NOW!

GORO NO
MATCH FOR
BARAKA.

NOW IS TIME FOR
SHOKAN PRINCE TO
FALL.

AND BARAKA
CAN... ARGHH!!

THOSE THINGS
LOOK SHARP,
BOY.


WHAT SAY WE
PUT 'EM AWAY FOR
A WHILE?




I'M JAX TO
MY FRIENDS.

BUT SINCE I DON'T
EVER WANT YOU AS
A FRIEND...


CALL ME MAJOR
JACKSON BRIGGS, U.S.
SPECIAL FORCES.




WHERE DID
YOU COME
FROM?



AN OLD DUDE SENT
ME HERE. I'M LOOKING
FOR GORO.



YOU FIND
TROUBLE
INSTEAD.



YOUR BROKEN
BONES BE
REMINDER...

... THAT NO ONE
JUMP BARAKA AND
LIVE.

HIS MOVEMENTS FAST AND FLUID, DESPITE HIS GREAT SIZE.

AND HIS PURPOSE IS CLEAR: HE MEANS TO FIND HIS PARTNER, **SONYA BLADE**.

BARAKA
SHUT YOUR
MOUTH.

MAN, YOU MAKE MY AUNT
TILLEY LOOK GOOD, AND
SHE'S GOT HAIR GROWIN'
OUT OF HER LIPS.

URRRGGGHHH

MOST FOLKS LIKE MY
VOICE. I SING IN THE CHURCH
CHOIR BACK HOME.

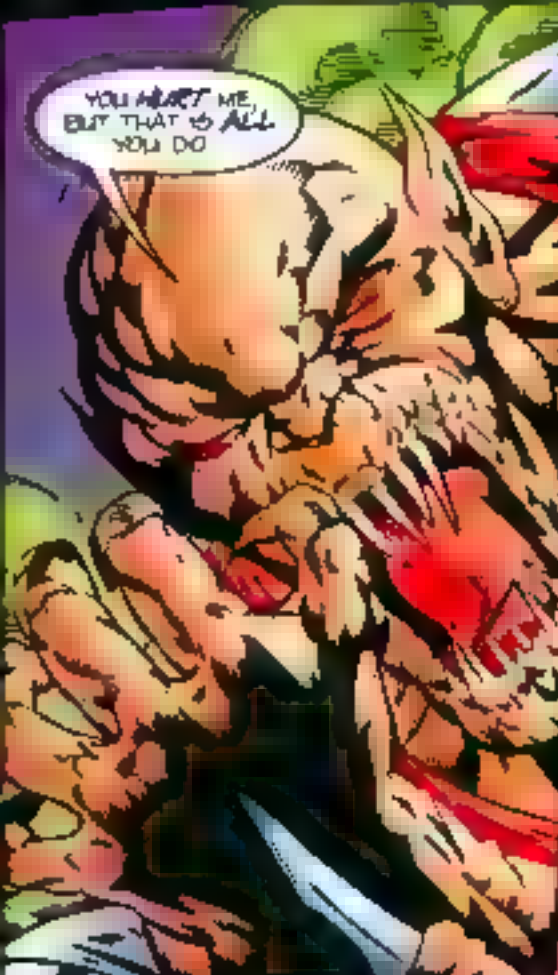
YOU ARE ONE
BUTT-UGLY MOTHER,
YOU KNOW THAT?

IF YOU'D LIKE, I
CAN TEACH YOU
HOW TO SING.

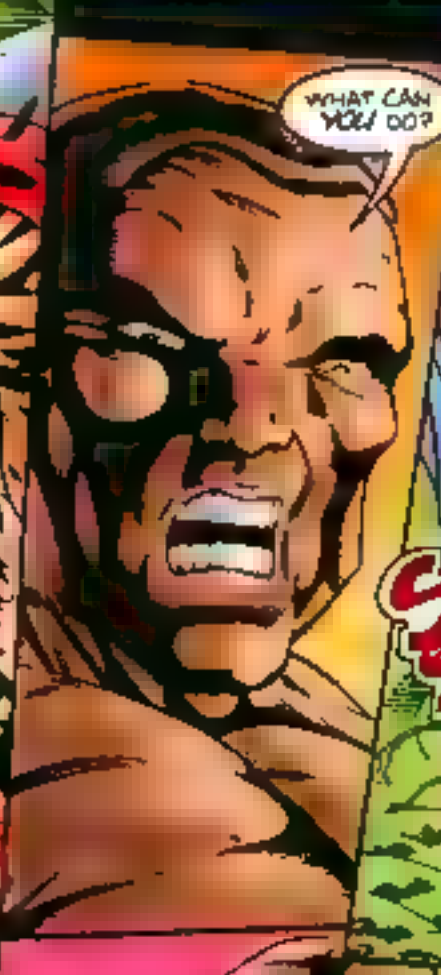
FIRST WE'LL
START WITH THE
HIGH NOTE
...

YIIIIIGGGGHHHH!!

THUMP




YOU HURT ME,
BUT THAT IS ALL
YOU DO




WHAT CAN
YOU DO?



BARAKA
CAN KILL



WELL IF YOU THINK OL
JAX S GONNA LET YOU GET
THOSE PIG-STICKERS
CLOSE TO HIM




YOU'RE OUTTA
YOUR EVER-LOVIN'
MUTANT MIND




BAH, YOU
HUMAN YOU
TIRE

BARAKA GO
DRY WITHOUT
REST



THEN I HOPE YOU
PACKED A LUNCH,
BARAKA



CUZ YOU AND
ME ARE GONNA BE
AT IT ALL DAY

CLOSE BY THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF BARANA'S
BUTY LOOK ON

I SAY WE LEND
BARANA OUR AIO

RE-SS MILEENA
SSSPEAKS FOR REPTILE
ASSS WELL

WE SSSHOULD
DESSSTROY THE
SSSTRANGER

ONE CLEAR SHOT
AND I COULD END IT

NO WE CAME TO FIND
GORO, NOT TO GET MIXED
UP IN A BUNCH OF
SENSELESS VIOLENCE

SSSHAD KAHN WOULD
NOT WANT USSS TO LET
BARANA SSSUFFER,
KITANA

OUR FATHER DISTRUSTS
YOU, KITANA. AND NOW I
KNOW WHY

YOU DO NOT SPEAK
FOR MY FATHER, REPTILE

IF ANYONE HERE DOES,
IT IS KITANA. AND I SAY
WE WAIT

SSSHE ISSS
SSSCARED OF THE
HUMAN

BUT THE EMPEROR'SSS
SSSERVANT REPTILE ISSS
NOT

MEANWHILE

YOU FIGHTED
WITH THE HUMAN

BUT AFTER IN
OF BAKANA TOO
MUCH

SOME OF MY PEOPLE
IN A SPECIAL FORCES
CAMP FOR YOU

THAT TOO MUCH
IS NEVER ENOUGH FOR
ME

BUT WHILE WE'RE
ON THE HIGH LET OF
TOO MUCH

DO YOU KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED AFTER YOU PUT
TOO MUCH FIRE POWER ON
THE CHAIR?

WVVOOOO

WHAT'S PARADA
CANNOT STAND

WHAT
HAPPENING?

NOOOOO!

JAX AIN'T
HAPPY

HIS PARTNER IS LOST AND HE CAN'T
FIND HER. HIS SHIP WAS WRECKED
ON HIS WAY TO SHANG TUNG'S ISLAND.
AND HE ALMOST DROWNED

AND NOW HE'S BEEN ATTACKED
BY A TONNAGE MUTANT

HAVEN'T GOT AN
ANSWER TO MY "TOO
MUCH QUESTION?"

TOO
BAD

WHUMMPHH

URRRKKKK

HE'S MAD BECAUSE NOT ONE
DAMNED THING HAS GONE
RIGHT ON THIS MISSION

AND WHEN JAX
AIN'T HAPPY

AIN'T NOBODY
HAPPY

NOW THEN.
I'D LIKE A LITTLE
COOPERATION

WHICH ONE OF
YOU MISFITS
IS GORD?

REPTILE!
NOOOO!

SO A LOW-DOWN
BACK-STABBING SNAKE.
HMM?

SSSS NO SSSNAKE.
SSSS REPTILE

BARAKA WASSS BEING
CONTROLLED BY SSSOMEONE
ELSSSE, BUT REP' LE ACTSSS
ON HISSS OWN

AND HE SSSHALL SSSLAY
YOU FOR HISSS MASTER
SSSHAD KAHN

YOU'RE NOT
HUMAN WHAT
ARE YOU?

I AM YOUR
DEATH

AYEEEE!!!

ASS

YOU UNDERESTIMATED
REPTILE AND NOW YOU
GSSHALL DRY

YOU GSSHALL DRY
MOSSST DEAR WHAT?


burns ANNN
burns so bad

THIS BEING HAS GONE
THROUGH MUCH TO FIND
ME


GORD WOULD LISTEN
TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY

YAAAAARRGGGHHH


WHAACK



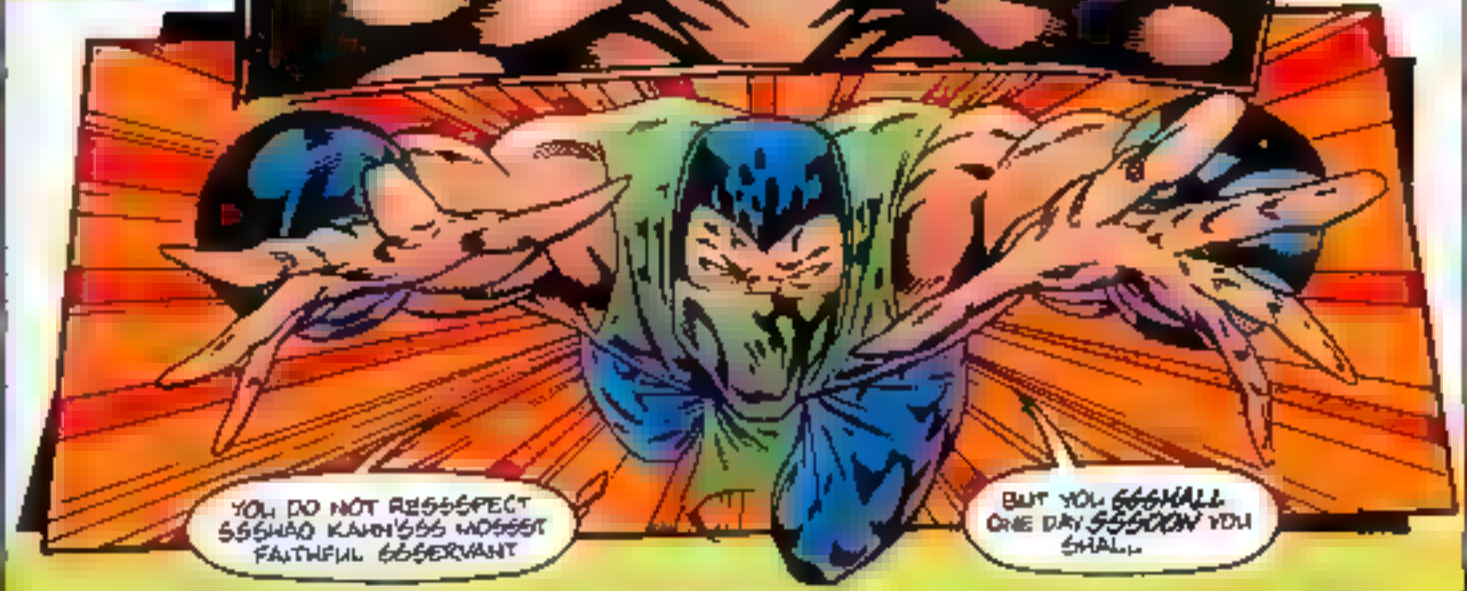
GORO HISS MADE
A MISSTAKE THREE
DAY



AND WHAT WOULD
THAT MISSTAKE
BE, WORM?




YOU HAVE
LET REPTILE
LIVE




YOU DO NOT RESPECT
SSHAD KANNISS MOSSET
FAITHFUL ESSERVANT

BUT YOU ESSHALL
ONE DAY SSSOON YOU
SHALL



I PROMISSE YOU
THAT GORO I
PROMISSE




WHAT IS
HAPPENING HERE?
WE'RE FADING



NO. BARAKA
STAY BARAKA
FIGHT




I SENSE SOME SORT
OF TREACHERY AT WORK
HERE



YOU - YOU'RE GORO.
THE OLD OLIDE SAID
YOU TOOK SONYA


I WANT TO KNOW
WHERE SHE IS

DO YOU
SPEAK OF
SHANG
TSUNG?



DAMNATION! I'M
FADING AWAY, TOO.

LISTEN, GORO YOU AND I
HAVE GOT UNFINISHED
BUSINESS, BROTHER.



IT IS OVER.
IT'S FINALLY
OVER

I AM
GOING
HOME.

A DARK AND ANCIENT
POWER GRIPS ME,
PULLS ME

A CHILL WIND RIPS
ACROSS MY VERY
BEING, AND THEN

THEN I SENSE THE PRESENCE
OF THE EMPEROR HIMSELF

THE ALMIGHTY SHAO KAHN
IS SENDING ME BACK

BACK TO THE ISLAND OF
SHANG TOWING, THE LAND
OF MORTAL KOMBAT

I ALMOST WISH I COULD
SEE THE LOOK ON ZAGGOT'S
FACE WHEN

Jagggghhh!
AM I BACK
AM I BACK
HOME?

KAUUMPHH!



I DON'T
THINK
SO, GORO

THE PARTY DOESN'T
END UNTIL ZAGGOT
SAYS IT ENDS

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

IT'S TIME FOR THE
MAIN EVENT. LORD
GORO

AND I SAY THE
PARTY NEVER
ENDS

YOU DIDN'T THINK THAT
A TRUE GOD WOULD LOOK
LIKE A LUNATIC STREET
BUM, DID YOU?

GAZE UPON THE
TRUE FORM OF ZAGGOT
GAZE UPON ME AND
FEAR

IT'S THE LAST TANGO.
THE WHOLE ENCHILADA,
THE WAR TO END ALL WARS.



IMPOSSIBLE!


IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

I USUALLY PREFER
THE GOOD VERSUS EVIL
SCENARIO

BUT EVIL VERSUS EVIL
HAS SO MUCH POTENTIAL FOR
CHAOS

DON'T YOU
AGREE?

NO



SO WE ARE
TO FIGHT?

FIGHT THE NEVER-
ENDING BATTLE.

BUT THAT WOULD
ONLY CAUSE MORE
CHAOS, ZAGGOT.


AND YOUR BROTHER TOLD ME
THAT CHAOS ONLY SERVES
YOUR PURPOSES.

"CHAOS ONLY MAKES
YOU STRONGER."

SO GORD WILL
NOT FIGHT YOU
THIS DAY.

IF GORD
SHALL NOT
FIGHT...

...THEN GORD
SHALL DIE.



GORO FIGHTS TO SERVE A PURPOSE... SUCH AS RETAINING HIS MORTAL KOMBAT TITLE.

BUT TO FIGHT YOU HERE AND NOW WOULD BE FOOLISH.

AND GORO IS NO ONE'S FOOL.

WHUMMFF

Liggagghh

COME, YOU COWARD. I SHALL RIP YOUR SPINE OUT AND SHOVE IT DOWN YOUR THROAT!

YOU SEEM TO BE DIMINISHING, ZAGGOT.


FIGHT ME! PLEASE! FIGHT ME!

PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETHING I COULD DO TO HELP YOU?

I DO NOT WISH TO FIGHT YOU.

YOU PATHETIC COWARD. I SHALL TELL THE WORLD THAT GORO IS GUTLESS.


YES GORO IS A COWARD.

A large, orange, tiger-like creature with blue markings on its face and chest is roaring with its mouth wide open, showing sharp teeth. The background is a blue sky with some clouds.


AND A HUNGRY
COWARD AT THAT.

HIT ME!
STRIKE ME!
KICK ME!

THAT IS THE
NATURAL ORDER.

A close-up of Goro's face as he holds a small, dark-skinned character by the back of the head. The character has a determined expression.


THE BIG AND STRONG
EAT THE SMALL AND WEAK,
ZAGGOT.

A close-up of Goro's face as he laughs heartily, showing his sharp teeth and a wide, mischievous grin.

NOOOO!
YOU CANNOT
DO THISSSSS!!

Ah, SWEET
CHAOS.

GORO HAS
ALWAYS HAD A
TASTE FOR IT.

Goro is shown from the chest up, standing in a field of large, pink, flower-like plants. He has a serious expression.

AND NOW WITHOUT
ZAGGOT'S INTERFERENCE

... THE POWER OF
SHAO KAHN SHALL
TAKE ME HOME.

TO FOLLOW GORO,
PICK UP THE
MORTAL KOMBAT
TOURNAMENT
EDITION ON SALE
NEXT MONTH

EPILOGUE

IN THE LIBRARY
OF ORDER...

THAT'S CHECK
AND MATE, MY
BROTHER.

IT WOULD SEEM
THE GAME IS **MOVE**.

BAH, I HATE **CHESS**
ANYWAY. GAMES TOO
SLOW.

WASN'T IT NAPOLEON WHO
SAID "ORDER MARCHES WITH
WEIGHTY AND MEASURED
STRIDES;

"DISORDER IS
ALWAYS IN A
HURRY."

YES, BUT I MADE CERTAIN
THAT THE LITTLE GENERAL
SUFFERED **DEFEAT** IN
THE END, DIDN'T I?

I GAVE HIM HIS
WATERLOO.

AND BEFORE IT'S ALL
SAID AND DONE, MY DEAR
BROTHER...

I SHALL MAKE CERTAIN
THAT THE **PRINCE OF PAIN**
TAKES A FALL AS WELL.